

**Amendment and Response**

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**REMARKS**

The following remarks are made in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 11, 2003, in which claims 1-19 and 21-43 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 19, and 30 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention and claim 44 has been added. Claims 1-19 and 21-44, therefore, are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 18, 19, 21-28, 30-33, and 35-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yashima et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,164,747. Claims 7 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yashima et al. patent in view of Logan U.S. Patent No. 4,910,871. Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yashima et al. patent in view of Asakawa U.S. Patent No. 4,940,998. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yashima et al. patent in view of Chapin et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,838,343.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the first marking engine is excluded from depositing the first marking fluid on the second portion of the print media and the second marking engine is excluded from depositing the second marking fluid on the first portion of the print media. In addition, independent claim 19 has been amended to clarify that the system includes a first mechanism for moving a first printhead assembly relative to the print media so that the first printhead assembly can deposit ink only on a first unprinted portion of a first side of the print media and includes a second mechanism for moving a second printhead assembly relative to the print media so that the second printhead assembly can deposit ink only on a second unprinted portion of the first side of the print media. In addition, independent claim 30 has been amended to clarify that the method includes positioning of the print media for printing on a first portion of a first side thereof with the first printhead assembly and for printing on a second portion of the first side thereof different than the first portion with the second printhead assembly before depositing any ink on the print media with either of the first and second printhead assemblies.

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With respect to the Yashima et al., Logan, Asakawa, and Chapin et al. patents, none of these patents, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a printing system as claimed in independent claim 1, a printing system as claimed in independent claim 19, nor a method of performing a printing operation as claimed in independent claim 30.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 19, and 30 are patentably distinct from the Yashima et al., Logan, Asakawa, and Chapin et al. patents and, therefore, are in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-18 and 35-37 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claims 21-29 and 38-40 further define patentably distinct claim 19, and dependent claims 31-34 and 41-43 further define patentably distinct claim 30, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-18 and 35-37, dependent claims 21-29 and 38-40, and dependent claims 31-34 and 41-43 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-6, 8-14, 18, 19, 21-28, 30-33, and 35-43 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and claims 7, 15-17, 29, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-19 and 21-43 be allowed.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-19 and 21-44 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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